

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the After-Final Amendment filed on 14-May-2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 14-22, re-numbered as claims 1-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response to the After-Final Amendment filed on 14-May-2007, claims 11-13 and 23 have been canceled per Applicant's request. Therefore, claims 1-10 and 14-22 are presently pending in the application, of which only claim 1 is presented in independent form.

Allowance

2. Claims 1-10 and 14-22 are allowed over the prior art made of record.

The applicant's After Final Amendments filed on 14-May-2007, places the instant Application in condition for allowance.

Claims 11-13 and 23 were the only rejected claims in the instant Application as of the date of the previous Office Action. Applicant has canceled the rejected claims 11-13 and 23 via the above referenced Amendment, making the previously allowed claims (1-10 and 14-22) the only remaining claims in the Application.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, do not (in combination with all other features in the claim), disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of, "authenticating the client", and "when the client is authenticated, said second proxy establishing a data connection with said first proxy, through said firewall, with the data connection adapted to forward requests of said

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client to said second proxy, where the data connection is distinct from the control channel”, as recited in independent claim 1.

The prior art made of record teaches client authentication at the time (after) the connection is made with the firewall, meaning that only after the connection is made, it is decided as to whether or not the client is authenticated. However, the instant Application requires (recites) making the client authentication decision via a separate proxy, distinct from the control channel, *prior to* making a data connection between the second proxy and the first proxy, through which requests of said client are forwarded to the second proxy. These limitations are not disclosed, taught or suggested by any of the prior art made of record.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony Mahmoudi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4078. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays from 08:00 am to 04:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin, can be reached at (571) 272-4146.

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